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OVER 1,100 SEXUAL PREDATORS ARRESTED DURING U.S. MARSHALS "OPERATION FALCON II"

210 Local Fugitives Apprehended

Indianapolis, Indiana – Nationally, more than 9,000 fugitives, including 1,102 fugitives wanted for committing felony sex offenses, violent sexual assaults, and failure to register as sex offenders, were arrested during Operation FALCON II, which took place from April 17 to April 23., U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and Marshals Service Director John F. Clark announced today. Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, and U.S. Marshal Peter Swain announced today that 210 fugitives were arrested in the Southern District of Indiana.

U.S. Attorney Brooks stated: "Operation FALCON II serves as an excellent example of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working together in a united effort to bring fugitives to justice. This strength in unity among law enforcement gives victims the clear message that justice will be served."

Peter Swain, U.S. Marshal stated: "I am very proud of the results this year with over 200 fugitives arrested. This is the perfect example of a collaborative law enforcement efforts, just as the acronym for FALCON II stands for, "*Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally*."

Nationally, Deputy U.S. Marshals and their law enforcement partners arrested a total of 9,037 fugitives, and cleared more than 10,419 felony warrants during the seven-day operation. Task force members arrested 462 fugitives wanted for a variety of violent sex offenses, 311 fugitives for other felony sex crimes, 783 unregistered sex offenders, 73 homicide arrests with 87 warrants cleared, and 163 documented gang members. They also cleared 2,941 drug cases, and seized 111 guns, more than \$120,265.00 in cash, and more than 91 kilograms of narcotics.

In the Southern District of Indiana, out of the more than 210 fugitives arrested, 11 were wanted for violent sexual offenses, including rape, forcible sodomy, and sexual assault, and 4 were wanted on charges for failure to register as sex offenders. Deputy Marshals and local task force officers also seized 11 firearms, including 2 AK-47's, and approximately 2 pounds of marijuana.

The following law enforcement agencies that participated in Operation FALCON II in the Southern District of Indiana:

- * United States Marshals Service
- * Drug Enforcement Administration
- * Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
- * Housing and Urban Development – OIG
- * Social Security Administration – OIG
- * United States Attorney’s Office
- * Indiana State Police
- * Clay County Sheriff
- * Noblesville Police Department
- * Hamilton County Sheriff
- * Greenwood Police Department
- * Lawrence Police Department
- * Indianapolis Police Department
- * Marion County Justice Agency – FTA
- * Marion County Probation
- * Marion County Sheriff
- * Evansville Police Department
- * Vanderburgh County Sheriff

Like last year, Operation FALCON II coincided with the Department of Justice’s “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.” In announcing the results of the fugitive initiative, U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales praised the efforts of both the Marshals Service and the hundreds of participating agencies, noting that “the significance of holding it during this week was that it allows the victims and their families to find some element of closure. Just as we recognize the survivors for their courage, we applaud all of the law enforcement officers for their dedication.”

Fugitives whose cases were adopted by Operation FALCON II were wanted by the Marshals Service, other federal agencies, United States Attorneys, and courts at every level of government. Because the highest priority was given to sexual predators and unregistered convicted sex offenders, the USMS entered into a partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which provided high-profile cases and facilitated contacts with state agencies that maintain sex offender registries. The USMS also worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to ensure maximum support for cases involving narcotics and weapons.

PHOTOS/VIDEO AVAILABLE

The Marshals Service Office of Public Affairs has photos of actual arrests during Operation FALCON II available to press at www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2, as well as fact sheets on arrests nationwide and in each of the agency’s participating. A ten-minute B-roll video package for broadcasters will be available for satellite distribution on April 27 at 2:30–2:45 P.M. EDT at C-

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

A complete list of all of the federal, state, and local agencies that participated in Operation FALCON II is available at the USMS website at www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2

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